

THE SECOND PARISH ANNUAL  
OF THE  
Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit,  
(SNYDER AVENUE MISSION)

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MINISTER-IN-CHARGE.

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"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith  
the Lord of hosts."—*Zech. iv. 6.*

By Divine favour the Church of the Holy Spirit (Snyder Avenue Mission) has about completed the *second* year of its existence. For it was two years ago when, one hot Sunday afternoon in July, nineteen people assembled in Farley's, now called Doak's, Hall, corner Passyunk Ave. and Moore Street, to hold the first service of a Mission then and there begun under the auspices and by authority of the South-east Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese Pennsylvania.

The progress and results of the movement for the twelve months following that date, were stated in our First Parish Annual issued one year ago. We were able to report at the close of that year, forty communicants, a congregation of one hundred people, and a Sunday-school enrolling one hundred and ninety members.

The second year of the Mission has been, under God, a year of encouraging progress in every department of the work, as will be seen further on in this Annual. Nothing so far has occurred to check that progress, dampen the



enthusiasm, or lessen the interest of those who are actively engaged in the work.

While our losses by removal, etc., have been very slight, our gains have been large in the number and character of people coming to us, and in the general good influence of the Mission and its work in every direction. Our people, as a congregation, have worked together in unity of spirit and harmony of feeling. In this same way, by God's grace, it is hoped to continue working. Meantime, friends of the Mission outside have been very kind, contributing liberally of their means to aid us in the work. Due report of these contributions and expenditures of the same has been regularly made to the committee of the South-east Convocation by the Minister-in-charge. We cordially invite those friends of the Mission to visit us and see for themselves the good work that is being done.

### OUR CHURCH.

In mid-summer of last year ground was broken for the erection of the proposed Parish Building on the lot generously donated at the corner of Snyder Avenue and Eleventh Street, plans submitted by Mr. Samuel Milligan, architect, having been adopted. On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 8th, the corner stone of the structure was laid with appropriate ceremonies by the Rev. S. H. Boyer, Minister-in-charge, he having been authorized so to do by the Convocation, in absence from the city, of the Bishop of the Diocese, the President of the Standing Committee, and the President of the South-east Convocation. He was assisted in the services by the Rev. H. L. Duhring, Sec'y of the Convocation, Rev. Henry L. Philips, rector of the Church of the Crucifixion, and the Rev. Jeremiah Karcher. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Duhring, and Mr. L. S. Landreth, members of the Committee of the Convocation. A large number of people were present, seemingly deeply interested in what was taking place.

Work on the edifice was then pushed forward rapidly, yet with thoroughness and care, by Messrs. Beck & Conly,

builders, who, with their workmen, seemed to enter into the spirit of the thing, laboring as though the structure were their own. By these means, we were able, on the evening of All Saints' Day, Sunday. Nov. 1st, to hold the First Anniversary of our Sunday-school on the first floor of the building, occupying it thenceforth for Sunday-school purposes, and on Christmas Day services were held in the Chapel room on the second floor, finished and furnished for the occasion. Here services have been held regularly since. So that we now have, and are occupying a beautiful, permanent two-story brick Parish building, having on the first floor capacious Bible class rooms, infant class room, and Sunday-school library, and on the second floor a handsome, tastefully finished Chapel room, seating two hundred and fifty people comfortably, and not a dollar of debt on any of it.

For this gratifying result great credit is due the Committee of the Convocation, who have been untiring in their efforts to have ready for us at the earliest practicable date, the facilities for the work that are furnished by these structures. The following gentlemen compose the Committee: Rev. Leverett Bradley, Rev. H. L. Duhring and Messrs. W. W. Frazier, L. S. Landreth and Chas. M. Peterson. Gentleman, please accept our hearty thanks. The Church and the Diocese owe you the same. And warm acknowledgments are due to the friends of the work who have generously contributed financially for the erection of the Parish building.

These very acceptable articles have been donated to the Chapel: a beautiful antique oak baptismal font from J. R. Lamb, N. Y., was given by Mrs. S. H. Boyer in memory of her mother, Mrs. Charlotte E. Brecknor, lately deceased; two oak chancel chairs were contributed by Mrs. John Carlisle, of Cincinnati, O.; from Ladies' Society of St. Matthew's Church, a handsome antique oak communion table was received; and the ladies of the Mission gave and had properly put up, a brass chancel rail, very tasteful and fitting in appearance.



## OUR CONGREGATION

Has steadily increased during the year, until at present writing, it numbers all told, over two hundred. On several occasions the chapel has been completely filled, thus showing that with this increase continued, a larger church at no very distant day will be a necessity. And "so mote it be." The congregation has not only increased in numbers, but in apparent interest in the services and the work of the Mission. Responses in the services are general and hearty, the singing is largely congregational, led by our excellent chorus choir and the contributions are liberal. The members of the parish have been taught to give of their means systematically what they can, and by a judicious and general introduction of the envelope system, everywhere kindly received, the principle has assumed a practical shape. The Minister-in-charge has no reason as yet to find fault with his parishioners on this score. By this system, with increased attendance and interest, the church collections have been trebled in amount.

## THE COMMUNION LIST

Has increased by one-third, numbering now, with addition of the late confirmation class, sixty. With few exceptions these persons all come regularly to the Lord's table. Of the two classes confirmed *every member* of the same comes to the Holy Communion thus far, excepting one who has been called to commune in the Church Triumphant—Miss Genevieve Gorman.

## OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

In this very important department of our work the result, by God's blessing, has been still more gratifying. Beginning, not yet two years ago, (Sept. 1890) with but one scholar, still attending, the course of the school has been one of continued and rapid growth, so that now we enroll scholars, teachers and officers, about three hundred and fifty. But the aim has been not merely to form a school

large in numbers, but at the same one that shall be orderly in deportment, churchly in tone, and spiritually profitable to those attending. We trust and believe that in this aim we have not been disappointed. We have earnest Christ-loving workers engaged now Sunday by Sunday in this noble cause, whose reward is certain from Him who said, "Feed my lambs." But we are in very great need of more teachers, especially in the line of further Bible class work. Those now engaged in it are doing admirable work, but additional classes should be formed. In fact, there is scarcely a limit to the good to be done here with more helpers coming to our assistance. Material lies all around us to be wrought upon, and a more important or more assuredly promising field for such work does not exist in the city or Diocese. Workers of the Sunday-school "come over and help us." Your efforts will tell in this vast field of labor. A large proportion of our schools attend the services of the church.

Officers and Teachers of the Sunday-school are as follows:

*Superintendent.*—The Minister-in-charge.  
*Secretary.*—Mr. Wm. H. Sigmund.  
*Librarian.*—Mr. Herbert M. Boyer.

### TEACHERS.

Rev. S. H. Boyer.	Miss Maggie McDermin.
Mr. Wm. H. Kemp.	Miss Jennie Morton.
Mr. John Hudson.	Miss Laura Beaver.
Mr. J. G. Lewis.	Miss Lizzie Taylor.
Mrs. A. Moore.	Miss Maggie Holcome.
Miss C. E. Mish.	Miss Mattie Holcome.
Miss Alice Briggs.	Miss Lottie Babnue.

### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

*Superintendent.*—Mrs. S. H. Boyer.  
*Assistant.*—Miss Annie Bartell.

## OUR CHOIR

Is at present a mixed volunteer choir composed of sixteen persons including the organist. It has shown marked



improvement during the year, and rendered excellent service. By its selection of music and hearty rendering, it has done much toward making the singing, both of chants and hymns, thoroughly congregational. This aim is kept steadily in view. With increased members, a more general attendance of the choir upon all services during the ensuing year is asked, and doubtlessly will be seen. The organization of the choir is as follows:

*Organist.*—Mr. E. M. Paddock.

*Leader.*—Mrs. S. H. Boyer.

#### MEMBERS.

Mr. H. M. Boyer.	Miss Dollie Foos.
Mr. J. G. Lewis.	Miss Annie Bartell.
Mr. Edward Hiller.	Miss Emma Kemp.
Mr. George Briggs.	Miss Emma Hudson.
Miss Annie Keys.	Miss Gertie Gibson.
Miss Lizzie Taylor.	Miss Louise Steury.
Miss Laura Beaver.	Miss Gussie Wright.
	Miss Lottie Boyer.

#### OUR PARISH.

Under this head perhaps may be mentioned the organizations and societies of the Mission, some of the work that has been done by them, and the present outlook of the Mission, as regards the work that lies before it.

#### THE PARISH ASSOCIATION.

Believing that too much parochial machinery becomes complicated and cumbersome, often working harm rather than good, this Mission has but one general organization known as "The Parish Association of the Church of the Holy Spirit." It was formed quite early in the establishment of the Mission. It is officered as follows: President, the Minister-in-charge; Vice-President, Mr. Wesley McClellan; Secretary, *pro tem.*, Mr. E. Hiller; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. H. Kemp, who is thus Treasurer of the Mission, reading monthly reports to the Association, and having his books carefully audited from time to time by auditing committees appointed by the Chairman of the Association.

This Parish Association, meeting once every month, represents the actual working force of the Mission, its membership without dues or taxes, being composed of all persons practically engaged or interested in the work of the Mission in any of its departments. Under committees appointed from this Association, and reporting to it, all other societies or organizations are formed and their work carried on. First of these societies must be named

#### THE YOUNG WOMEN'S BRANCH

Of this Parish Association, formed first for Lenten work under direction of a committee composed of the following ladies: Mrs. S. H. Boyer, Mrs. Herman Grumbrecht, Miss C. E. Mish, Miss Alice Briggs, Miss Hewlett. The Society increased very rapidly in numbers, at present having about fifty members. During the Lenten season they made up a box of clothing for the work of Mrs. Beauford in Virginia, sending it with a cash contribution to her at close of Lent. Meetings for kindly social intercourse are also held by this Society.

#### THE YOUNG MEN'S BRANCH

For Lenten work only, was also formed under the following committee with the Minister-in-charge as Chairman: Messrs. H. Grumbrecht, McClellan, Kemp, Hudson, Sigmund and Hume. The work expected of the organization was partially done, and the existence of the society ceased with the expiration of the time for which they were appointed. A further and more permanent organization of the young men of this Mission is contemplated later on.

#### THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

On invitation, Miss M. A. Schott and Mrs. Henry E. Rood, representing the International Order of King's Daughters, visited the Young Women's Society one evening in April to explain the origin, character and work of that well-known Order. Miss Schott, in a very interesting address, set the matter clearly before those present, leaving them to form a circle or not, as might be deemed best



by the committee. Subsequently, at a meeting of the same, it was deemed advisable to organize a Society of the King's Daughters at our Mission. A circle was accordingly formed termed Mizpah Circle, with Mrs. S. H. Boyer, President; Mrs. Laura Beaver, Secretary, and Mrs. John Hudson, Treasurer. Interest in the society seemed to increase from the start. Quite a large number identified themselves with the circle, and the members since have been personally engaged in various good works in His Name whose daughters they profess to be. With proper care, discrimination and direction, further good will doubtlessly be done. Entire submission to pastoral counsel and oversight, however, must be insisted upon here, and should be wherever "circles" of the Order are formed. Otherwise the good done will at least be greatly restricted, if harm does not take its place.

### GENERAL WORK

Of the Mission has gone on uninterruptedly and, it is believed, prosperously. Through willing and efficient cooperation of members of our Parish Association, every house in this lower section of the city has been visited, both with a view to ascertain who are church goers or non-church goers, and to bring the existence, church services, Sunday-school, and work of our Mission distinctly to the knowledge of everyone. The result has been an increase of attendance upon the services, additional scholars in the school, and extended interest in the Mission. Financially, our Mission has done well. The sum total of church collections for the year has been nearly six hundred dollars. With this our people have been enabled to carpet the chancel of our chapel, purchase and pay for a large first-class cabinet organ (Mason & Hamlin make), and contribute substantially toward meeting current expenses of the work. Remembering that ours is a working people blessed with very little of this world's goods, these contributions, therefore, are gratifying. But we are still in need of many things which in God's good providence

we trust will in some way be supplied, or the means where with to purchase them.

### ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

It remains to notice, in the order of their occurrence, special services, anniversaries, &c., held in the Mission since the issue of our "First Annual," July 1st, 1891. Among these prominently stands in order of interest and importance

#### THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Of the organization of this Mission held in Farley's Hall, Sunday evening, July 5th, 1891. The occasion was one of double interest from the fact that the *first confirmation* in the Mission was held there by the Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, when nine candidates presented by the Minister-in-charge were admitted to full membership in the Church by that rite. The Rev. Leverett Bradley, rector of St. Luke's Church, and President of the South-eastern Convocation, was also present and made an address. Bishop Whitaker addressing the candidates, as well as the large congregation present, spoke with great fervor on this occasion, commending the candidates, that although the service was held in a public hall, ordinarily used for other purposes, they had come to consecrate themselves to God as the first confirmed in this Mission; reminding them how God's presence in any place hallowed that place for the time, as the stable at Bethlehem was hallowed by the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. On this as on almost every public occasion of our Mission, the singing was general, hearty and enthusiastic.

#### THE FIRST ANNUAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL EXCURSION.

This took place on Thursday, July 9th, when a large number went, with Sunday-schools from other churches, to Parkland. The weather, at first threatening, proved auspicious, and this "day off" was a happy and enjoyable one. All returned without mishap, and fully satisfied with



the excursion. Sunday-school closed during the month of August, and re-opened with good attendance in September.

#### THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH ASSOCIATION

Was held at 1033 Snyder Avenue, in the temporary Parish House, October 6th, when, after a brief introductory business meeting, with a short address from the Chairman, the Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Boyer met their parishioners socially from 8 to 10 o'clock P. M. The evening was pleasantly spent, and the bond of union strengthened between pastor and people.

The Services of the Laying of the Corner-stone of the Parish Building, September 8th, have been already mentioned on another page.

#### FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The first Annual Commemoration of the organization of the Sunday-school of this Mission took place on the first floor of the new Parish Building, on Sunday evening, November 1st, All Saints' Day, 1891. It was of peculiar interest from the fact of its being also the first service of any kind held in that building. It is needless to add that the occasion drew together a large number of people, who, together with the Sunday-school scholars and their friends filled the building.

The Bishop of the Diocese, always interested in this Mission, again kindly favored it with his welcome presence, addressing the school and congregation, and in no doubtful way evincing his gratification at what he saw and heard. The scholars never sang better, nor the choir. Everybody seemed enthused. Mr. Landreth and Mr. Peterson, members of the committee of the South-east Convocation, were in attendance, the former gentleman in fitting remarks, extending hearty congratulations.

The first anniversary of the Sunday-school will certainly not soon be forgotten by any who were present.

A beautiful silk banner with name of the Church and

Sunday-school inscribed, was presented to the school as a gift from the Minister-in-charge. It is to be in the keeping of the class having the best record for a period designated. In the present instance it was given to class No. 1, taught by Miss Alice Briggs, and having among its numbers the first scholar enrolled in the school.

#### SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

These were held Sunday evening, December 27th, in the beautiful chapel of our Parish Building which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. They were attended, not only with the interest usually felt on these happy memories of Bethlehem, but with additional joy that for the first time in the Mission, we were able to hold these services with such churchly and attractive surroundings. With the largely increased school in attendance, together with many parishioners and others, there was scarcely standing room left. After the services, conducted by the Minister-in-charge, assisted by the Rev. A. H. Boyle, a delightful address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Falkner, rector of Christ's Church, Germantown. Well selected Christmas hymns and carols were sung with great heartiness and spirit.

#### THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Of the Sunday-school was held on Tuesday evening following. Two handsome Christmas trees, well trimmed, graced the rooms, and candies and other gifts, were distributed, and a good time generally was enjoyed. The pastor, on this occasion, was the favored recipient of a beautiful Bible, from the Sunday-school and lady members of the parish. It will be highly prized for its own value, the kind feeling prompting its gift, and its association with the Church of the Holy Spirit. God bless the generous givers.

#### A FRATERNAL ORDER AND THEIR VISIT.

On Sunday evening, February 21st, "The Knights of Friendship," a fine appearing body of men, visited the



Chapel, joining reverently in the services, and listening attentively to an address from the Minister-in-charge, on the text in Epistle to the Gallatians, sixth chapter, second verse, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." This Society, and others of like character, are welcome at any time to attend the services of this Church and Mission.

### LENTEN SERVICES.

These were regularly held in the Parish Building, much interest being manifested. On Sunday evenings, during the season, sermons and addresses were delivered by visiting clergymen, who very kindly gave their services. The following clergymen, in turn, filled the pulpit: Rev. C. D. Cooper, D. D., rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles; Dr. E. P. Gould, of the Divinity School, West Philadelphia; Rev. George H. Kinsolving, rector of the Church of the Epiphany; Rev. Richard N. Thomas, late rector of Trinity Church, West Philadelphia; Rev. William N. McVickar, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity; and Rev. Francis D. Hoskins, formerly of the Divinity School, of Faribault, Minn. On other evenings addresses were made by the Rev. Charles E. Milnor, of the Church of the Mediator; Rev. William R. Carrol, rector of Zion Church; Rev. Fletcher Clark, of the Church of the Atonement; Rev. John Bolton, and Rev. J. H. Jerome. Sincere thanks of the Mission are due these gentlemen for their valuable services.

### EASTER DAY AND ITS SERVICES.

Easter Day was a memorable one to the Mission in some respects. It was the first Easter Services held in the new chapel.

Morning prayer was said by the Minister-in-charge, the Rev. Mr. Boyle assisting. An appropriate sermon was preached, and the Holy Communion was administered, a large number partaking. In the evening was held the second Easter Anniversary of the Sunday-school. No oc-

casion, of the many affording us joy, was happier or brighter than this one. The chapel was beautiful in its floral tributes, the music admirable in selection and rendering, and the service hearty. Some of the beautiful Easter songs of that day will long be remembered. Their echo would seem to linger with us still, for we still hear them sung. On earnest request, the Rev. Dr. Falkner of Germantown, was with us again, addressing the school, and listened to with attention and interest. Easter cards and Easter eggs were distributed, Report of the Secretary read, and the Anniversary closed with prayer after singing the 103d hymn. The Sunday-school Banner at this Anniversary passed to the keeping of class number taught by Mr. John Hudson. Sunday-school collection for this year amounted to \$100, of which one-third was from the Infant Class.

### CONFIRMATION.

On Whit-Sunday morning Bishop Whitaker made his Annual Visitation to this Mission, preaching, and confirming a class of eleven persons—one for St. Timothy's Church, presented by the Minister-in-charge. The address of the Bishop was one of the clearest and most forcible that we have heard, and held, as it deserved to hold, the closest attention of the large congregation present.

The Rev. A. H. Boyle assisted in the services, as he has kindly done on several occasions here.

The following persons were confirmed for this Mission, and partook of the Holy Communion:

Miss Charlotte Belle Boyer.  
Miss Laura Beaver.  
Miss Elizabeth Taylor.  
Miss Annie Keys.  
Miss Harriet G. Thompson.  
Miss Celeste M. Boyle.  
Miss Mabel M. McKay.  
Miss Augusta Wright.  
Mrs. Caroline Fisher.  
Mr. Henry F. Jones.



This makes twenty-one persons confirmed in the mission within one year, the previous confirmation being held July 5th, last, and one person, Mr. William Craig, having been confirmed since privately.

### CONVOCATION MEETING.

A business meeting of the South-east Convocation was held in the chapel room of the Parish Building, in April, the Rev. Leverett Bradley, Dean of the Convocation, presiding. The Church of the Holy Spirit (Snyder Avenue Mission) was represented by the Minister-in-charge, and by its authorized Lay-delegate, Mr. William H. Kemp. Among various reports sent, was that from this Mission by the Minister-in-charge. Its showing of the progress and present condition of our work was deemed very satisfactory. On another occasion, the Dean spoke of it as "almost phenomenal." There is nothing "phenomenal" about it, however, save the continued favor of Divine providence, constant interest of its friends outside the Mission, and a good deal of unremitting, down-right hard work on the part of those engaged in it. But it is gratifying to feel that the result is deemed satisfactory thus far.

### THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The first Strawberry and Ice Cream Festival of the Mission was held in the lower rooms of the Parish Building, on Thursday evening, June 9th, and was a successful affair, socially, financially, and every way. More people could scarcely have got comfortably into the building than were there. The good things prepared for them were gracefully served by the young ladies in attendance. The committee appointed for the purpose had made excellent arrangements, and every thing passed off splendidly. A marked feature of the occasion, was a table of beautiful fancy articles, tastefully arranged by the "Mizpah Circle" of the King's Daughters. The sale of these articles at fair prices, realized a handsome sum. Thanks

are due many donors of cakes, generously contributed. Preparations are now being made for our second Annual Sunday-school and Parish Excursion, going, as last year, to Parkland, on the 11th of July, in combination with other Sunday-schools. Providence permitting, a good time is anticipated on the occasion. We trust that everybody will go who can do so.

And so we close the second year of the Mission. We have a great deal for which to be thankful as regards the work, and exceedingly little of which to complain, and we look forward hopefully to another year of labor, should God in His loving mercy spare us. We shall enter upon that work, all of us, with willing hearts and hands, looking to the Lord of the Church who has called, and graciously permits us, to labor in this important part of His vineyard.

Thanks are due to the *Standard of the Cross and The Church*, (now *The Standard of the Church*), the *First and Twenty-Sixth Ward News*, and some of our daily city papers, for frequent kindly mention of our Mission.



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*"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."*—ZECH. iv. 6.

Counting by years the Snyder Avenue Mission, under God's blessing, has already passed the *third* mile post of its course, and entered far into another twelve months of progress. For it was three years ago the first Sunday of last July when nineteen people assembled in Farley's Hall, corner of Passyunk Avenue and Moore Streets, to hold the first service of a Mission there and then inaugurated under auspices of the South-east Convocation. So rapidly and so pleasantly have those years flown by, as far as this work is concerned, that it seems only yesterday since it was begun. Two months later the Sunday-school was started with one scholar in attendance. As yet no communicant members of the church had signified a purpose of identifying themselves with this mission, and families of the church in the neighborhood, if any, were still to be found.

To-day ninety communicants are registered as actual members of this church or Mission. A congregation of two hundred people, all told, attended upon the services of the church. The Sunday-



school, including scholars, teachers and officers, enrolls four hundred members. And the Minister-in-charge has two hundred and fifty families on his visiting list. These facts alone, it is believed, will be sufficient evidence of the favorable growth and development of the Mission.

The outlook for the Mission is altogether promising, with proper facilities for enlarged work afforded. Its influence is extending in various directions, and strangers are all the time coming to us. The parish is a unit as to the spirit and purpose of its members. They have a mind to work and are working. They are taught to give of their money according to their ability, and are giving. The envelope system, judiciously conducted affords ways to contribute systematically, and earnest prayers for the Mission and its interests are daily offered by many engaged in its work.

As to the field in which the Mission is planted, its possibilities for good to be done are unlimited. We are in the midst of a densely populated district, with building operations going actively on West, South and East of us. Four solidly built squares now lie South where, when we began work three years ago was an open field; and people are filling the houses. The Girard estate, on its large tract, it is announced, purpose extensive building operations even to extent of almost a new city down town. Public schools of this district are overcrowded. So that material to work upon lies all around us. It only needs men and money, helpers and funds, in larger proportions, to enable this Mission to do a really *great* work in the Southern sections of the city. Shall these be forthcoming?

It remains to mention some organizations of the Mission with their work, and to give a brief notice of especial services and meetings held during the year.

#### THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The growth and progress of this very important part of the work during this year, while in many respects gratifying, still has not been what it should have been, and would if more helpers had been available. Class after class in the school has been abandoned and its members scattered and lost to us, because there were no teachers to hold or look after the scholars. Among such classes, was one no less important than a young women's Bible class of over twenty enrolled members. And to-day actual attendance of the main school is one-third less than its registered membership, on account of failure to secure efficient teachers. A more important field of work in Sunday-school operations could scarcely be found than this, or one promising more gratifying results. The greater is the pity that helpers will not come into the field with us.

Officially the register of the school is as follows :

*Superintendent*—The Minister-in-charge.

*Secretary*—Mr. Geo. W. Barnes.

*Librarian*—Mr. H. M. Boyer.

#### TEACHERS.

Rev. S. H. Boyer.

Mr. J. C. Lewis.

Mr. William H. Kemp.

Mr. John Hudson.

Mr. George W. Barnes.

Mr. F. Wylie.

Mrs. Amelia Moore.

Mrs. Matthew McClelland.

Miss Charlotte B. Boyer.

Miss Mamie Stenz.

Miss Cornelia Wistar.

Miss Mattie Holcomb.

Miss Minnie Holcomb.

Miss Maggie Holcomb.

Miss Jennie Morton.

Miss Lela Morton.

#### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

*Superintendent*—Mrs. S. H. Boyer.

*Assistant*—Miss Bessie Pentland.

The Primary Department enrolls two hundred and fifty children for whose accommodation the infant class room has recently been enlarged by setting back the partition between it and Bible Class rooms. It was found impracticable to get along without this enlargement of room. Now it is one of the most attractive infant class-rooms in this city. It is believed that the most ample facilities should be afforded for this important department of the Sunday-school work if the Saviour's command is to be observed, "Feed my Lambs."

#### THE CHOIR.

This is at present a volunteer chorus choir consisting of twenty voices, mostly female. Under efficient leadership it has shown marked improvement during the past year, and promises still better things for the year to come. It has brought about that everywhere desired, but rarely accomplished thing, congregational singing, for this has been and still is its aim. The officers and members were as follows during the year :

*Organist*—\*Mr. David Grier.

*Choir-Master*—Mr. Herbert M. Boyer.

#### MEMBERS.

Mr. H. M. Boyer.

Mr. J. C. Lewis.

\*Miss Lizzie Weiser.

\*Miss Kate Weiser.



Mr. David Grier.  
Mrs. S. H. Boyer.  
Miss Charlotte B. Boyer.  
Miss Lizzie Taylor.  
Miss Gertrude Gibson.  
Miss Louisa Stenz.  
Miss Emma Hudson.  
Miss Emma Kemp.

\*Miss Helen Weiser.  
Miss Hattie Thompson.  
\*Miss Dolly Foos.  
Miss Bessie Pentland.  
Miss Jennie Morton.  
Miss Julia Koenig.  
Miss Marguerite Bickerson.  
Miss Gussie Wright.

\*Resigned.

There is prospect soon of the organization of what has for some time been contemplated, a choral society for developing musical ability in the parish. From this society additional members for the choir will be chosen.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

This committee, appointed early in the progress of the Mission to relieve the Minister-in-charge somewhat of the care of temporalities of parish, has attended to duties assigned. Through its co-operation under direction of the pastor the envelope system has been made effective, and contributions increased. The following gentlemen constituted the said committee:

Mr. William H. Kemp.  
Mr. John Hudson.  
Mr. Wesley McClelland.  
Mr. G. T. Woodington.  
Mr. J. C. Lewis.

#### PARISH ASSOCIATIONS.

This is and has been the main working organization of the Mission; other departments organized and working under its supervision. It is composed of all who are personally and practically interested in the Mission, meets monthly without dues, or fines, and discusses matters of practical interest to the Mission. Through its various committees it has done a good work the year past, and been of very great assistance to the pastor. It is officered as follows:

*President*—The Minister-in-charge.  
*Vice-President*—Mr. Wesley McClelland.  
*Secretary*—Mr. George W. Barnes.  
*Treasurer*—Mr. Wm. H. Kemp.

#### THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The Mizpah Circle of the Order, formed in the Mission one year and a half ago, under leadership of Mrs. S. H. Boyer, numbers

thirty-eight members. It has been engaged in various works of love and mercy during this year, as well as in practically assisting the Minister-in-charge in his work. Its members are in the choir, on chancel or other committee, and act generally as a pastoral aid society. Not least of their good works is the weekly distribution to the sick of beautiful flowers furnished every Sunday for the Communion table by Mr. J. C. Lewis. The Circle met weekly during the year for work. In the Lenten season a valuable and well made-up barrel of clothing, with cash contributions accompanying, was sent on suggestion of Mrs. Robt. Neilson, to Virginia.

A table of beautiful and useful articles was also prepared by the Circle for sale at our annual strawberry festival in June, members of the Circle themselves serving at the table and disposing of the articles at fair prices. Fall meetings have not yet begun, some important and necessary changes in certain features of the order here having first to be made, as has been suggested to its members by the Minister-in-charge.

As conducted the past year, the officers of the Circle were these:

*Leader*—Mrs. S. H. Boyer.  
*Vice-Leader*—Mrs. Dr. Corrie.  
*Secretary*—Miss Maggie Holcomb.  
*Treasurer*—Mrs. John Hudson.

#### THE YOUNG MEN'S WORK

Of the Mission has not yet assumed any specially organized form, though such is contemplated soon, either as a Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, or some other Association of young men for work, as may on further consideration be found most practicable for the Mission and its interests. It has been found easier to start these organizations, sometimes, than to control them or to keep them going, and only the wisest selections for membership in such associations should be made, if continuous and efficient work by them is contemplated.

#### SPECIAL SERVICES.

Some services and meetings of especial interest have been held during the year, of which proper note should be made.

First of these was the Second Anniversary of the Parish Association held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 4th. Services appropriate to the occasion were conducted by the Minister-in-charge, and a stirring address to lay workers was delivered by Mr. Lewis H. Redner.

#### COLUMBUS THANKSGIVING.

On Friday, Oct. 21st, agreeable to request of the Bishop of the Diocese, and in accordance with recommendation of the President of



the United States for religious services in churches throughout the land, to commemorate the discovery of America, services were held in the Chapel of the Mission, on which occasion the special form with prayers set forth by the Diocesan was used and an appropriate address made by the Minister-in-charge.

The regular National Thanksgiving Day services were held according to recommendation of the Chief Magistrate of the Nation, and the Executive of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on Thursday, Nov. 27th, at 11 a. m.

#### SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The second anniversary of the Sunday-school of the Church of the Holy Spirit, with service of song, was held November 6th, and proved a very interesting and profitable occasion. The singing, always, a notable feature of this Sunday-school, was especially excellent on this occasion, led by the Chorus Choir of the Mission, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Geo. A. Latimer, Maj. Moses M. Veale and the Minister-in-charge. On this, as on many occasions during the year, our Chapel proved too small to accommodate all attending and made very apparent the necessity of larger church accommodations for the people.

#### CHRISTMAS-TIDE SERVICES.

The Christmas services of the Mission Sunday-school were held Sunday evening, December 25th, and the Festival with distribution of Christmas gifts, on Tuesday following. At the services Christmas night a very happy address was made by Rev. J. N. Blanchard, D. D. The Chorus Choir of the Mission again led the singing of beautiful, carefully selected hymns and carols, which everybody present seemed to enjoy thoroughly. At the festival of the main school Tuesday evening, Mr. J. C. Lewis briefly addressed the school, wishing for them a merry Christmas. Owing to the large increase of the school it was found necessary to hold the festival for the Primary department on a separate evening, when about two hundred of these little folks had a happy time with Santa Claus distributing his good things among them.

The Christmas joy was clouded to the Minister-in-charge, however, by the sickness and death of a very dear sister, Mrs. M. A. Lindsley, of North Elmira, N. Y., to whose bedside he was summoned, and who fell asleep in Jesus on the evening of December 24th, an earnest, self-sacrificing Christian woman.

#### THE SERVICES OF EASTER.

As was said in a public notice at the time, Easter Services at the Church of the Holy Spirit were attended with greater interest

this year than on any previous occasion of the kind here since the mission began. Large congregations filled the Chapel room at morning services, and a still larger one packed the room too closely for comfort at the services of the Sunday-school in the evening. The sermon in the morning was by the Minister-in-charge, and in the evening by the Rev. Wm. Bower of St. Luke's Church. A larger number of communicants were at the chancel-rail than ever communed here before. The singing throughout the day was exceptionally good, the choir giving evidence of careful and efficient drill. Several presentations were made, among which were two antique oak chairs for chancel, presented by the Primary department of the Sunday-school through Mrs. Boyer, Superintendent; beautiful embroidered velvetine coverings for lecturn and reading desk, presented by Class No. 1 and friends, and a tasteful brass prayer-book rest for communion table, presented by Miss E. S. White in memory of parents deceased. The presentation of the foregoing articles was made for the donors by Mr. J. C. Lewis, under whose direction the beautiful floral designs of the chancel had been arranged.

#### KING'S DAUGHTERS' ANNIVERSARY.

One of the most interesting and most profitable of all the special services of this Mission thus far was the first anniversary of the Mizpah Circle of the Order of King's Daughters, held in the Chapel on Sunday evening, April 9th. It was an occasion not to be forgotten by those who were so fortunate as to be present. The shortened form of evening prayer was said by the Minister-in-charge, after which was sung Hymn 367 from the new Hymnal: "Jesus Our Risen King." The first speaker of the evening was Rev. H. A. F. Hoyt, whose address was listened to with attention by all present. After the hymn "We Give Thee But Thine Own," Miss M. E. Schott addressed the Circle and their friends in words and tones not soon to be forgotten. The wrapped attention of thoughtful faces turned to her as she was speaking, could not but have assured her of the interest she was stirring in the hearts of her listeners. Miss Schott was followed by Mrs. Henry Rood, an always welcome visitor here, whose warm-hearted interest in the King's Daughters circle and its members could not be mistaken. The beautiful hymn of the Circle, "Lead Now as Forth We Go," was sung with feeling by the large congregation present and after collection they were dismissed with the Benediction. May the impress of this anniversary continue long in the hearts and lives of the King's Daughters attending.

#### CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation was held in the Mission by Bishop Whitaker on Whit-Sunday evening, when an interesting class of seventeen per-



sons were admitted into full membership of the Church—one candidate being for the Hospital Mission. The names of those confirmed for this Mission are as follows :

Emma Hudson.	Emma Kemp.
Julia Koenig.	Sarah E. Pentland.
Mary Woodhull.	Mary E. Robertson.
Mary J. Keys.	Mrs. Margaret Law.
John W. Nelson.	Edmund Talbot.
Edmund Schetzline.	Joseph S. Roberts.
Wm. H. Price.	James D. Keys.
Charles F. Robinson.	Wm. M. Gibson.

The Dean of the South-east Convocation, Rev. Leverett Bradley, visited us at a Service of Song in the Spring, making a very thoughtful address, and speaking, as he always does here, words of cheer and encouragement for the mission.

The Rev. Benj. Watson, D. D., President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, also paid the Mission a visit at another Song Service, preaching to an attentive congregation.

We are also indebted to the following clergymen for kindly visits to the Mission during the year : Rev. Dr. McVickar, Rev. E. P. Gould, Rev. Chas. E. Milnor, and Rev. H. J. P. McClure.

#### CHOIR ANNIVERSARY.

The first anniversary of our Chorus Choir, with a Trinity Song Service, was held early in the Trinity season. The thought of such an anniversary was a happy one, and the occasion served to deepen the interest of the Choir in their very important part of the Church work, and at the same time rendered peculiarly interesting to them a special service entirely their own. Hymns appropriate to Easter-tide were sung with enthusiasm, both by the Choir and congregation, and after brief introductory remarks by the Minister-in-charge, the Rev. Dr. Stanger, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, addressed the people on the subject of music in the Church.

This was the last of the special services of the Mission held this year. These services were all well attended—generally crowded congregations present. Their interest was unmistakable, and it is hoped that their influence for good will be lasting. Meantime the rank and file of our Church workers continue in this work, doing what they can to extend the influence of this Mission, deepen its interest, and build up a Church here whose power for good in this section of the city shall continue to be felt long after they shall have gone to their reward in the Church triumphant.

#### COTTAGE MEETINGS.

Cottage meetings of strictly religious character were held at different points in the Mission during the Winter and Spring, with excellent results. They will be resumed soon.

#### STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The annual strawberry festival was held June 6th, and was successful, both socially and financially, the only drawback being insufficient accommodations as to room for the large number of people present. A very interesting feature of the occasion was a beautiful stereopticon exhibition by Mr. J. A. Wilbour, which was enjoyed by all who were able to see it.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The deepest gratitude should be felt to the Great Head of the Church whose protecting Providence has been extended over this Mission and those engaged in its important work, and whose blessing has manifestly attended it thus far in its progress.

Thanks are due and should be here expressed for the continued kindness of friends outside, who, during the year, have encouraged us by their words and their contributions in needed aid to our work. These contributions, with their expenditure, have been regularly reported to the Treasurer of the South-east Convocation.

Sincere thanks are also due to *The Standard of the Church*, *The Churchman*, *The Living Church*, several of our city dailies and the *First and Twenty-sixth Ward News* for kindly notices of our Mission and its work.

Thankful acknowledgment should be made to the South-east Convocation for its continued fostering care of this Mission. We hope the care will be still more practical, and the interest of the Convocation in this important Mission deeper the coming year than it has ever been before. The progress of the work of the Mission thus far, the importance of the field it occupies and the unlimited opportunity for lasting good to living men and women about us in this densely populated district, demand all this of the South-east Convocation and possibly of the Diocese. For as has been several times said to "the Convocation, a large work or none is demanded of the Church in this section of the city.

NOTE.—This Annual should have been issued July 1st, the close of the third year of the Mission, but means were not available then for expense of printing it.